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FOR AMBASSADOR HARROP

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 5154 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON
NAIROBI FEB 16.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 05154

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR PEPR SO KE ET EG

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN DETENTION OF KENYAN AIRCRAFT

REF: CAIRO 5121 (NOTAL)

1. HAVE OBTAINED SOME FURTHER DETAILS OF TWO KENYAN
AIRCRAFT BEING HELD BY EGYPTIANS PENDING RELEASE OF
EGYPTIAN BOEING 707 WHICH KENYANS FORCED DOWN YESTERDAY.

2. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS REGULAR KENYA AIR FLIGHT FROM
NAIROBI TO LONDON, WHICH LANDED AT CAIRO 0300 TODAY FOR
REFUELING AND WHICH EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT PERMIT
TO PROCEED. THE OTHER IS THE REGULAR KENYA AIR LONDON TO
NAIROBI FLIGHT WHICH DOES NOT NORMALLY PUT DOWN IN CAIRO,
BUT WAS FORCED TO DO SO THIS MORNING. ARRANGEMENTS FOR
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PASSENGERS ON BOTH FLIGHTS TO PROCEED TO DESTINATION ARE
ALLEGEDLY BEING WORKED OUT BY GOE, PRESUMABLY VIA EGYPT
AIR.

3. KENYAN AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TWO
KENYAN AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED UNTIL THE
EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT IS RELEASED BY THE KENYAN AUTHORITIES.

KENYAN AMBASSADOR HAS REPORTED EGYPTIAN POSITION TO
NAIROBI AND HAS URGED THAT EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT BE RELEASED
WITHOUT DELAY.

4. UK AMBASSADOR MORRIS, WHO WAS ALSO CALLED BY ACTING
FONMIN BOUTROS GHALI LAST NIGHT WITH REQUEST THAT HMG
USE "GOOD OFFICES" WITH KENYA TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF
EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT, TOLD GHALI THIS MORNING THAT IT IS
DIFFICULT FOR HMG TO ASSIST FOLLOWING EGYPTIAN ACTION IN
DETAINING TWO KENYAN AIRCRAFT. AS YET MORRIS HAS NO
INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON ON WHAT REPLY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR HMG INTERCESSION WITH KENYANS.
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